

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2003

Reference No.: 2.3b.
Action Item

From: ROBERT L. GARCIA
Chief Financial Officer


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Subject: **NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTIONS, 11-SD-15 KP M31.0 (PM M19.3)
& KP M37.3 (PM M23.2) Resolution S-721**

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Commission approve the attached Resolution S-721. The resolution approves two new public road connections to State Route 15 in the City of San Diego.

The Project Report was approved on March 27, 2003. A Negative Declaration (ND) has been approved for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on October 3, 2002.

Recommended by:  BRENT FELKER
Chief Engineer

Background

This section of State Route (SR) 15 was brought into the Freeway & Expressway System in 1959. In the early 1990's SR 15 began experiencing severe congestion problems that affect commuters, businesses, and regional goods movers. The SR 15 corridor was identified in the San Diego Association of Government (SANDAG) 1994 Regional Transportation Plan as a future congested corridor. The Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) began its SR 15 corridor study in 1995 to look at transit, highway, and regional arterial improvements. In November 1998, MTDB issued a final Phase 2 Report for the North SR 15 corridor. SANDAG, the North County Transit District (NCTD), Department of Transportation (Department), and MTDB worked cooperatively to identify, develop and analyze alternatives.

The Phase 2 Report recommended HOV/Managed Lanes in the median of SR 15 with a High-Speed Bus Rapid Transit System. The Department approved the Project Study Report in 1998 with approval of the Project Report on February 13, 2003.

Proposal

The project proposes to construct Direct Access Ramps (DAR) at the Sabre Springs and the Rancho Bernardo Transit Stations to SR 15 as part of the Managed Lane Project in the City of San Diego. The SR 15 Managed Lane Project accommodates a Bus Rapid Transit System that is part of their Regional Transportation Plan. The DAR will serve buses, carpools, and single occupant vehicles that are part of the Fastrack Program.

The total cost of construction is \$33 million. The connection at Sabre Springs is funded by \$18 million in GARVEE bonds (future RTIP/RIP funds). The connection at Rancho Bernardo is funded with \$11 million from CMAQ and \$4 million from RSTP. This project is currently scheduled for construction in the December 2003.

Coordination

Advisory and Mandatory Design Exceptions were approved June 11, 2002. A superseding Freeway agreement was signed by the City of San Diego on June 2, 2003 and will be executed by the Department after Commission approval of the new connection.

Conclusion

The proposed new public road connections are considered to be in the best interest of the public.

Attachments

Resolution S-721

Vicinity Maps

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Authorizing Two New Public Road Connections
11-SD-15 KP M31.0 (PM M19.3) & KP M37.3 (PM M23.2)

Resolution S-721

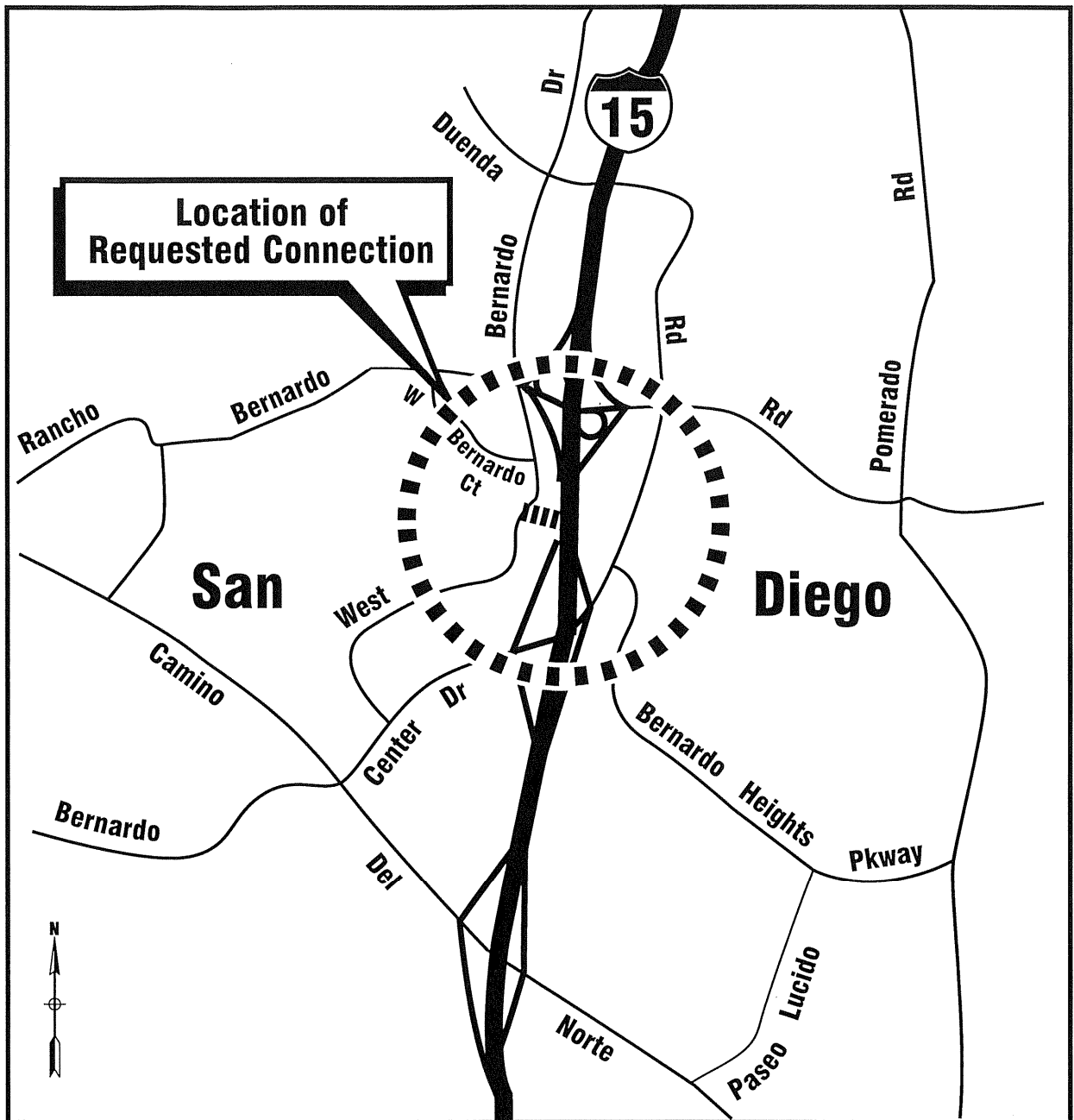
WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has requested approval of two new public road connections for the Sabre Springs Direct Access Ramp and the Rancho Bernardo Direct Access Ramp on State Route 15; and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact has been approved in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act; and,

WHEREAS, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby authorize two new public road connections on State Route 15 at the Sabre Springs Direct Access Ramp, KP M31.0 (PM M19.3) and at the Rancho Bernardo Direct Access Ramp, KP M37.3 (PM M23.2) in the City of San Diego; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that cost of construction and right of way shall be borne by others.



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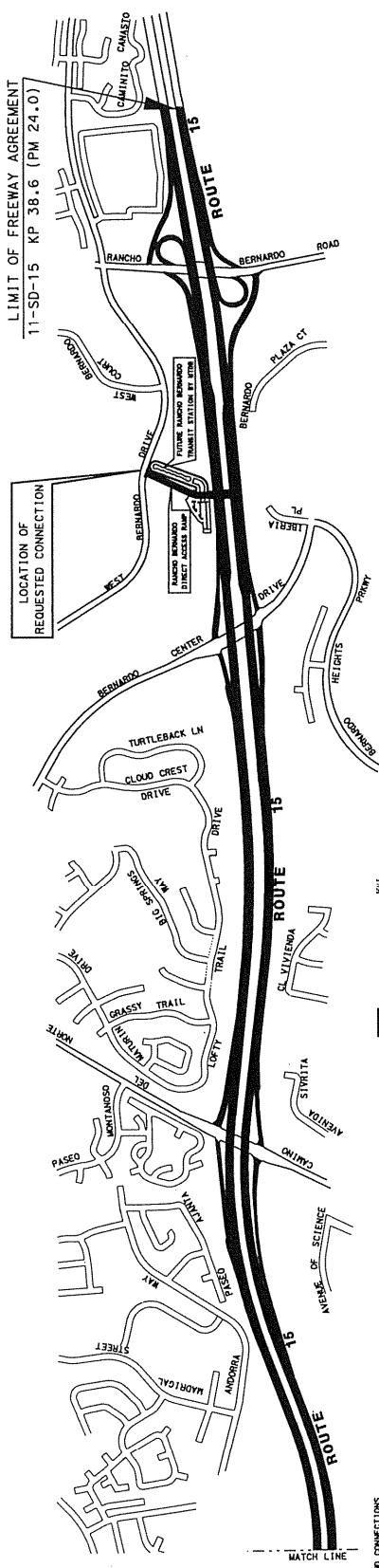


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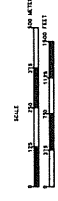
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LIMIT OF FREEWAY AGREEMENT
11-SD-15 KP 38.6 (PM 24.0)

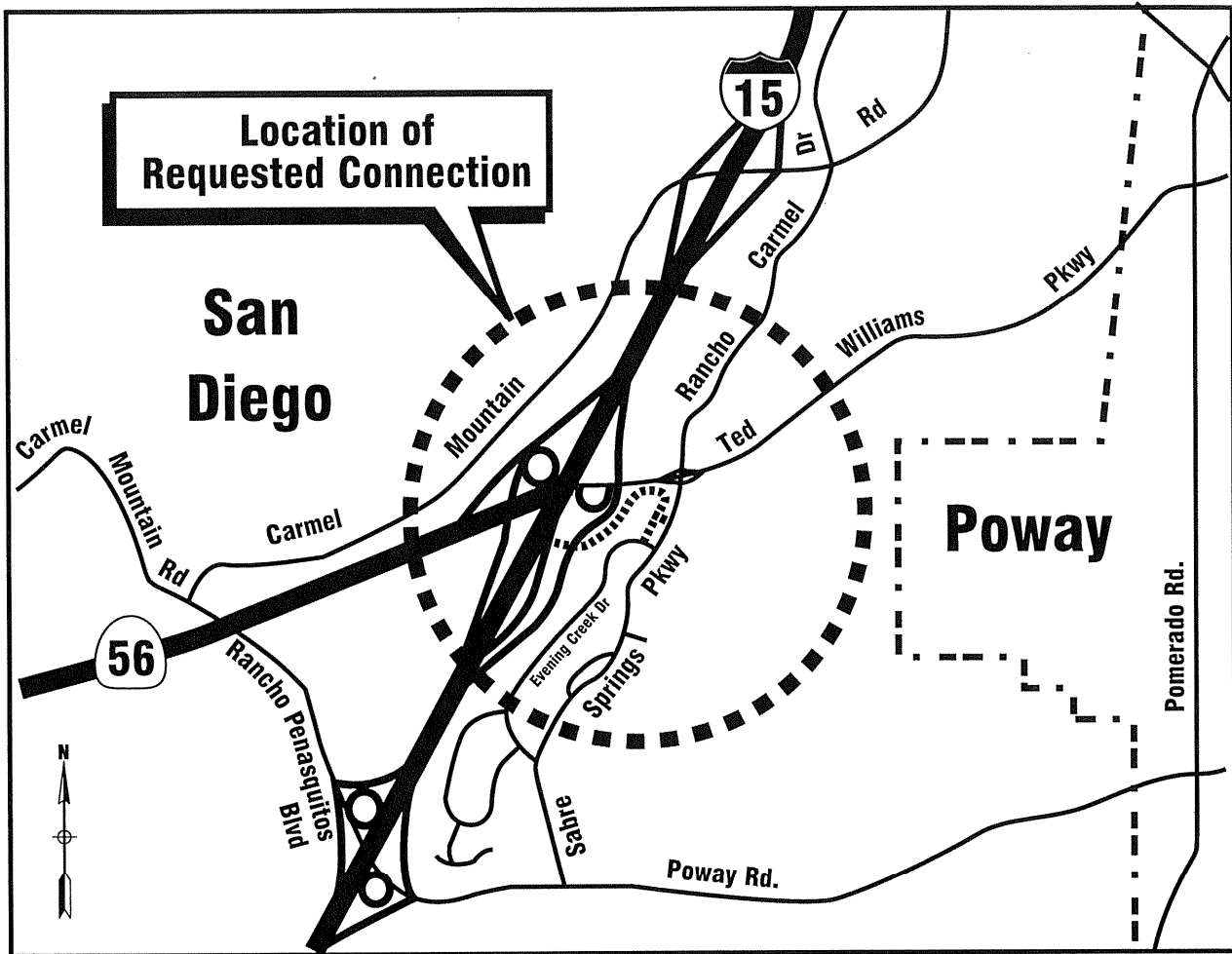
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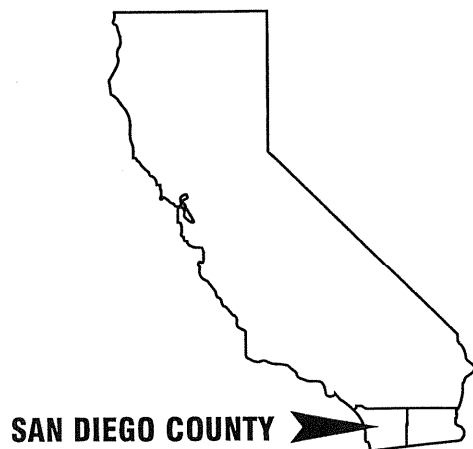
LEGEND:
 FREEWAY AND CONNECTIONS
 ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED
 AND RELAYED TO CITY
 R/W AND CONSTRUCTION BY OTHERS



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 11-SD-15 KP 124.7438.6
 (PM 17.8424.0)
 FREEWAY
 IN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
 FROM 0.6 KM SOUTH OF POWAY RD
 TO 0.5 KM NORTH OF
 RANCHO BERNARDO ROAD
 7/11/08-200



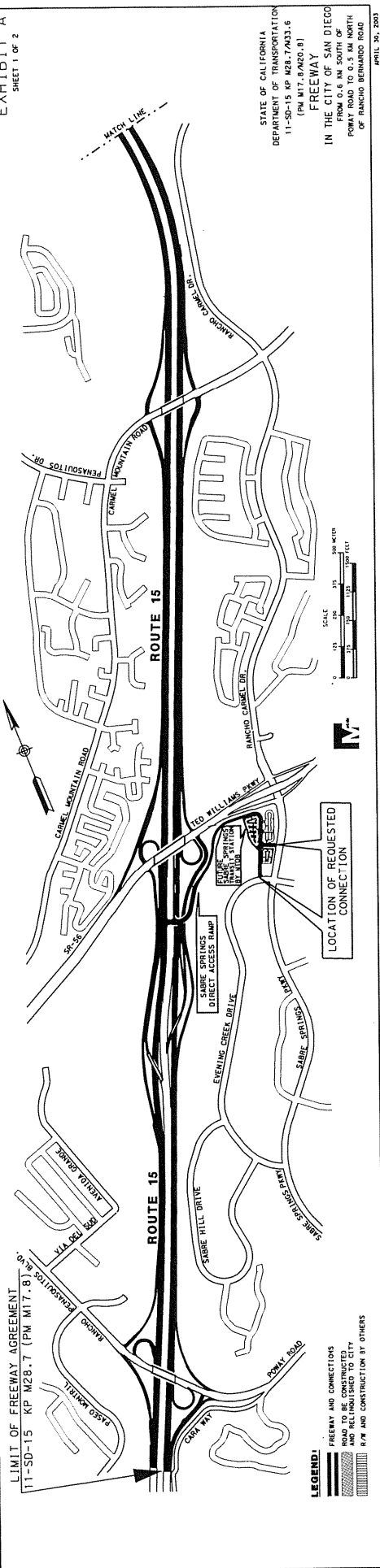
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11-SD-15 KP M28.7 M23.6
(PM M17.8 M20.8)

IN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
FROM ROUTE 15 TO 0.5 MI NORTH
OF RANCHO BERNARDO ROAD

APRIL 26, 2003